

5. (Original) The ski system of Claim 1, wherein said rear portion extends upwardly and at a forward angle to said lower surface of said base member.

6. (Original) The ski system of Claim 1, wherein said base member includes a front lip curved upwardly.

7. (Original) The ski system of Claim 1, wherein said rear portion is comprised of a closed structure.

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8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) The ski system of Claim 1, wherein said securing structure is comprised of a receiver structure for receiving the rear portion of a shoe, a first strap attached to said base member and a second strap attached to said base member, wherein said straps may be connected about a front portion of said shoe.

10. (Original) The ski system of Claim 9, wherein said straps are comprised of an elastic material.

11. (Currently Amended) A ski system, comprising:

a base member having an upper surface, a pair of opposing side edges that are parallel to one another, and a lower surface;

a first sidewall extending from said base member, and a second sidewall extending from said base member, wherein said sidewalls include a plurality of apertures within for receiving a securing strap that secures a shoe upon said base member;

wherein said first sidewall and said second sidewall extend upwardly from said opposing side edges of said base member in a parallel manner;

a securing structure attached to said upper surface of said base member for catchably receiving a shoe; and

a plurality of gripping members attached to and extending downwardly from said lower surface, wherein each of said plurality of gripping members has a front portion for gliding upon a snow surface allowing forward movement and a rear portion for engaging said snow surface for preventing rearward movement.

12. (Original) The ski system of Claim 11, wherein said front portion is tapered upwardly and forwardly to said lower surface of said base member.

13. (Original) The ski system of Claim 11, wherein said front portion is curved upwardly and forwardly to said lower surface of said base member.

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14. (Original) The ski system of Claim 11, wherein said rear portion extends upwardly to said lower surface of said base member.

15. (Original) The ski system of Claim 11, wherein said rear portion extends upwardly and at a forward angle to said lower surface of said base member.

16. (Original) The ski system of Claim 11, wherein said base member includes a front lip curved upwardly.

17. (Original) The ski system of Claim 11, wherein said rear portion is comprised of a closed structure.

18. (Original) The ski system of Claim 11, wherein said plurality of gripping members are aligned in three parallel rows along a longitudinal axis of said base member.

19. (Original) The ski system of Claim 11, wherein said securing structure is comprised of a receiver structure for receiving the rear portion of a shoe, a first strap attached to said first sidewall and a second strap attached to said second sidewall, wherein said straps may be connected about a front portion of said shoe.

20. (Original) The ski system of Claim 19, wherein said straps are comprised of an elastic material.

Please add the following claim:

21. (New) A ski system, comprising:

a base member having an upper surface and a lower surface;

a first sidewall extending from said base member, and a second sidewall extending from said base member, wherein said sidewalls include a plurality of apertures within for receiving a securing strap that secures a shoe upon said base member;

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a securing structure attached to said upper surface of said base member for catchably receiving a shoe;

a plurality of gripping members attached to and extending downwardly from said lower surface, wherein each of said plurality of gripping members has a front portion for gliding upon a snow surface allowing forward movement and a rear portion for engaging said snow surface for preventing rearward movement;

wherein said front portion is tapered upwardly and forwardly to said lower surface of said base member and wherein said front portion is curved upwardly and forwardly to said lower surface of said base member;

wherein said rear portion extends upwardly to said lower surface of said base member and wherein said rear portion extends upwardly and at a forward angle to said lower surface of said base member;

wherein said base member includes a front lip curved upwardly;

wherein said rear portion is comprised of a closed structure;

wherein said plurality of gripping members are aligned in three parallel rows along a longitudinal axis of said base member;

wherein said securing structure is comprised of a receiver structure for receiving the rear portion of a shoe, a first strap attached to said first sidewall and a second strap attached to said second sidewall, wherein said straps may be connected about a front portion of said shoe; and

wherein said straps are comprised of an elastic material.